

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2009**

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2009, Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

None.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**BEVERAGE BID**

Superintendent Palmiscno reviewed the bid with the Board.

Coke presented the best bid. Bids were submitted including Eagle's Crest and not including Eagle's Crest. Both Coke and Pepsi representatives were comfortable with the bid and the bid process.

The contract comes due April 1, and Board action on the bid will take place at the March Board meeting.

**REVIEW OF FOX FARM APPRAISAL**

Mr. Les Roos of Roos and Associates appraised the property on September 30, 2008 at \$27,500.00.

The Board agreed the next step is to put the sale up on bids and let John sell the property.

## **SPRINGFEST SPONSORSHIP**

With Suite 49 out of business, three parties have stepped up with an interest in sponsoring Springfest 2009: Canad Inns, Gilley's and Rhombus Boys.

The Board asked staff to interview interested parties and make recommendations to the Board. Recommendations and selection should be made at the March Board meeting.

## **SALARY 2009 PACKAGE**

Mr. Galen Cariveau addressed the Board with respect to the 2009 cost of living increase, the benefit survey of Park Districts and the Market Survey on positions that he has done.

He made eight recommendations to the Board. Employees of the Park District heard the recommendations at an employee meeting earlier in the week.

Among the recommendations were a 3% cost of living increase for 2009 for those at market value or under, 1.5% cost of living increase for those employees that are over market value, employees pay a 50% share in the increase of medical insurance premium for a family plan, and an upgrade on positions that are under market value as well as a .75% merit increase.

He also recommended all increases be made retroactive to January 1, 2009, except the medical insurance. Employees likely will start paying a share of the medical insurance premium increase beginning April 1.

Commissioner Bollman stated he believed employees were receptive to Mr. Cariveau's recommendations.

President Hutchison also was concerned about employees' reception to the recommendations. In general, he was told, the reception has been positive.

Commissioner Westlund stated this plan is no good if it is just a one-year deal. We must keep going forward with the plan.

President Hutchison stated we didn't go through all this to have it a one-year deal.

Commissioner Westlund stated we need to get employees to 80% of market value this year and 85% next year and keep going. President Hutchison agreed.

President Hutchison also agreed the wage adjustments be retroactive to January 1, 2009, and the Park District paying the insurance premium through March.

Commissioner Westlund stated this all will benefit the employees in the long run as this will increase their salaries, thus their pension contributions. What has been given up by employees over the years has probably hurt the pension contributions. President Hutchison agreed.

The Board will make a decision on the compensation package for 2009 at the March Board meeting.

### **EMPLOYEES MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN**

This item was addressed in the Salary 2009 item.

### **FOR ACTION**

### **ENERGY PROJECTS FINANCING**

Colette LeClerc addressed the Board with the quotes on interest rates for financing the energy savings projects.

Wells Fargo quoted the lowest interest rate for a three-, five-, and seven-year repayment plan.

She was directed by the Board to get a payment schedule, and bring it back to the Board for the March 3, 2009, Board meeting and the Board will make a decision at that time.

### **PENSION PLAN AMENDMENT**

This is a housekeeping item regarding the Park District's Pension Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION FOR BOND SALE**

This bond sale is to refinance the special assessment bond the Park District has at a lower rate of interest. The sale will be February 18.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the Initial Resolution for General Obligation Special Assessment Prepayment bonds, Series 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the Resolution Providing for Public Sale of General Obligation Special Assessment Prepayment Bonds, Series 2009. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

Discussion was held on the \$50,000.00 bond payment by Center Court. It was generally agreed by the Commissioners a transfer of funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 should be made to make the bond payment, in a show of support for the youth tennis program in 2008.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to transfer funds to pay for Center Court's bond payment in the amount of \$50,000.00 in support of the 2008 youth tennis program. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

## **BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR JANUARY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the bills for January in the amount of \$403,680.59. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Mullally reported Midtown Park is in the process of being renamed. Some of the neighborhood is trying to come up with a new name.

He also reported we are moving ahead on the recommendations brought forth from the energy audit.

Rick Ziegelmann reported parks equipment bids will appear on the March agenda.

Commissioner Westlund inquired as to what Park District facilities are susceptible to flooding, should we have flooding in the spring. Superintendent Mullally responded Riverside is at risk, as well as #4 & #7 greens at Lincoln Park Golf Course.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported he has obtained a number of monetary and in kind donations for the 2009 Prairie Rose State Games due to be held in Grand Forks this coming July.

He also reported the EDC High School Hockey Tournament will be held in Purpur Arena February 19 through February 21, and the Girls State High School Hockey Tournament will see play at Purpur Arena February 26 through 28.

Cam Tweten reported a grant from Bremer in the amount of \$52,000.00 was received to aid in the fundraising for the new wellness center, the grant writer and the community push for raising funds. A major fundraiser will be held on Giving Hearts Day, February 12.

He also thanked the Board for their support of tennis in the community.

He reported Center Court to date membership is at 1379.

Forestry reported 447 street trees pruned in January, 16 request calls answered and six days spent on snow removal by the Forestry Crew.

**BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

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John Staley, Clerk

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Bill Hutchison, President

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for a special meeting on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund.

**FOR ACTION**

**AWARD BID ON DREDGING RYAN LAKE**

The engineer's cost estimate of this project is \$115,000.00. Eight bids were received, with Breidenbach Excavating coming in at low bid of \$106,154.45. The other seven bids were well over the estimate. John Schlieman of CPS, LTD recommended the Breidenbach bid be accepted.

Discussion followed:

Commissioner Westlund inquired if this will make a mess out there. Mr. Schlieman stated that is why we want to do it now with April 1 the initial completion date. Rock will then be spread until May 15. This will dredge about 40% of the lake.

Commissioner Westlund inquired to the funding of the project.

The N D State Game and Fish Department is granting \$75,000.00; The Park District is granting \$20,000.00 of C & B funds; there are \$11,000.00 in donations, and the Grand Forks Wildlife Federation will add funds to the cost.

There is an additional \$5,000.00 in engineering costs that the Park District will pay from C & B funds.

The project will result in a 3 ½ acre lake with a fishing dock and the N D State Game and Fish Department will stock the lake each year. The lake then can be fished from spring, summer and into the fall.

John French, of the Grand Forks Wildlife Federation also stated he is hopeful more funding will be forthcoming from the N D State Game and Fish Department.

President Hutchison stated he is not in favor of the project and feels it is going to be a big money "pit" for the Park District. He doesn't think it gets used much and won't get used much. Other Commissioners disagreed. They feel it is used and will get used additionally with the dredging, dock and the stocking of the lake each year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the bid from Breidenbach Excavating to dredge Ryan Lake in the amount of \$106, 154.45. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried with Commissioner Hutchison dissenting.

Commissioner Panzer stated the Park District's cap on the project will be \$25,000.00 and no more.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

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John Staley, Clerk

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Bill Hutchison, President